

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2638

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 1997

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Hardship Act of  
3 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

5       Section 402(a)(2) of the Personal Responsibility and  
6 Work Opportunity Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(2)) is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8               “(E) ELDERLY LONG-TIME PERMANENT  
9       RESIDENT ALIENS.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
10       apply with respect to an alien who—

11               “(i) is lawfully admitted to the United  
12       States for permanent residence under the  
13       Immigration and Nationality Act;

14               “(ii) resides continuously in the Unit-  
15       ed States for not less than 50 years after  
16       lawful admission to the United States; and

17               “(iii) is not less than 80 years of  
18       age.”.

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